कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री श्याम लाल यादव): (क) और (ख) केन्द्र सरकार ने आन्ध्र प्रदेश, अरूणाचल प्रदेश, असम, मणिपुर, मेघालय, मिजोरम, नागालैंड, उड़ीसा और त्रिपुरा राज्यों में राज्य योजना का 100 प्रतिशत केन्द्रीय सहायता से 1987-88 से झूम खेती के नियंत्रण की एक स्कीम शुरू की है। यह स्कीम मध्य प्रदेश में लागू नहीं की गई है। तथापि, राज्य में कुछ अन्य स्कीम चल रही हैं जो भूमि विकास के लिए सहायता मुहैया करती हैं।

Job opportunities for unemployed persons

1819. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide more job opportunities for unemployed persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated number of educated unemployed youth at present in the country, State-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) The Union Budget proposals for the year 1989-90, provide *inter alia,* for a new intensive Rural Employment Programme which will proivide additional funds to selected 120 districts which are backward and suffer from acute unemployment. This new programme will allow fuller employment opportunities to atleast one member of each family living below the poverty line. The funds of this scheme will be in addition to the provision available to the districts under the National Rural Employment Programme/Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme. The Budget provides for this new programme a sum of Rs. 500 crores in 1989-90.

(c) According to the 7th Plan document, the estimate of unemployment among the educated manpower, *i.e.* matriculates and graduates and above, was 3.7 millions as af the beginning of 1985. Break-up of tbis figure by States and age groups is not available.

Manufacturing of soft drinks in India by foreign companies

1820. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATUR VEDI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications filed by foreign companies to manufacture soft drinks in India;

(b) by when Government propose to take a decision in the matter; and

(c) whether Government propose to permit any company, if so, the terms and conditions for issue of such a licence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Two applications have been filed by foreign companies for the manufacture of soft drinks in India during 1988-89.

(b) and (c) An appropriate decision will be duly taken on the applications in accordance with the prescribed procedures and taking into account the merits of each application.

Installation of statue of Mahatma Gandhi

1821. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATUR VEDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of installation of a statue of Mahatma

Gandhi at India Gate, Delhi is pending before Government for over a decade;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in installation of the statue; and

(c) by when the statue is likely to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The installation of Gandhiji's statue at India Gate, a premier National Memorial, required consideration of a number of important matters like the selection of an eminent sculptor, the design and size of the statue etc. The sculptor engaged to prepare the original clay/Plaster Cast model also took a long time in conceptualising this work of Creative Art. The Plaster Cast model was completed in May, 1988. The bronze casting work has since been given to a professional caster. It is expected that the bronze statue will be available for installation by the end of this year.

Allotment of Rice to Maharashtra

1822. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have written to Central Government about the difficult situation they are facing due to the curtailment of allocation of rice to the State; and

(b) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, As a result of a review of allocations of various States/Union Territories undertaken in the light of the availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool, the rice quota of most States including Maharashtra, has been reduced by 20% from February, 1989.

The allocations of foodgrains from the Central Pool are only supplemental to die open market availability and are made on month to month basis, taking into account the overall availability of stocks in the Central Pool, relative needs of the various States, market availability and other related factors. In view of the excellent agricultural production in the country during 1988-89, there should be no overall shortage in relation to the requirements of the State.

1823. [Transferred to 16th March, 1989]

Supply of fertilizer in Madhya Pradesh

1824. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made in Madhya Pradesh to aurgment the fertiliser consumption in the State to increase the agricultural production;

(b) if so, what was the total distribution of fertilizers made during the Rabi season;

(c) to what extent the fertilizers were provided to the State Government by the Union Government; and

(d) what was the actual need and to what extent fertilizer have been supplied and to what extent the supply of fertilizers have helped in improving the Rabi crop in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) -Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The following table gives the assessed requirement of fertilisers for Madhya Pradesh, quantity made available